

### Important Phone Numbers

**Police and Fire  
Emergency**  
9-1-1

**Police Non-Emergency**  
(815) 726-2491

**City Hall Information/  
Questions**  
(815) 724-4000

**Complaint Line**  
(815) 724-4005

**Water & Sewer  
Billing**  
(815) 724-3820

**Building Dept./  
Inspections**  
(815) 724-4070

**Public Utilities  
(Water & Sewer)**  
(815) 724-4220

**Public Works**  
(815) 724-4200

**Roadways**  
(815) 724-3650

**Interim City Manager  
Marty Shanahan**  
(815) 724-3730

**Mayor  
Bob O'Dekirk**  
(815) 724-3700

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Larry Hug (District 1)**  
(815) 724-3746

**Pat Mudron (District 2)**  
(815) 724-3749

**John Gerl (District 3)**  
(815) 724-3720

**Bettye Gavin (District 4)**  
(815) 724-3745

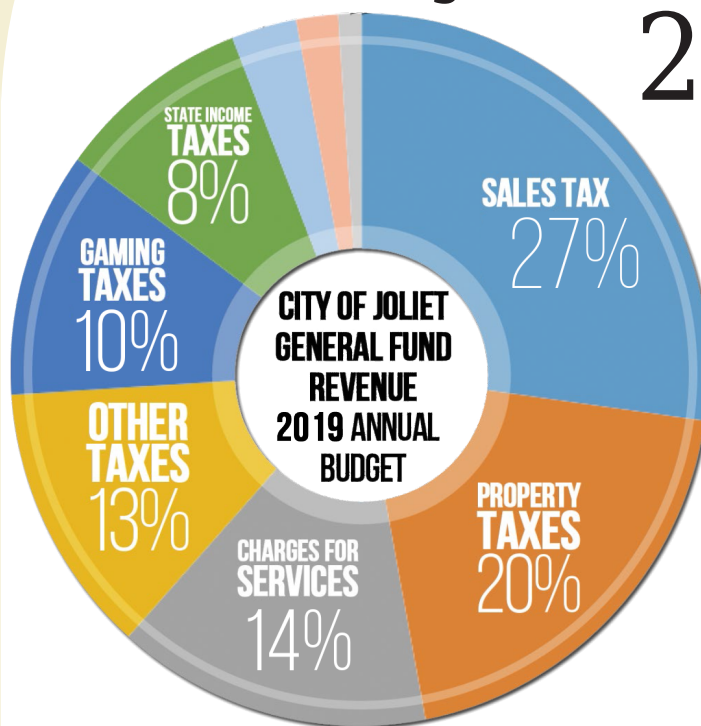
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**Mike Turk  
(At Large)**  
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# City Council Adopts 2019 Budget



SALES TAX: \$50,500,000  
PROPERTY TAXES: \$37,300,000  
CHARGES FOR SERVICES: \$25,887,533  
OTHER TAXES: \$23,057,348

GAMING TAXES: \$18,457,000  
STATE INCOME TAXES: \$14,850,000  
FINES & FEES: \$7,672,000  
OTHER REVENUE: \$4,379,965  
LICENSES & PERMIT: \$2,600,500

On December 18, 2018 the City Council adopted the 2019 budget appropriating \$280,989,049 for the City of Joliet's 20 funds. The City's largest fund, the General Fund, had an appropriation of \$184,404,346 that would be covered by \$184,704,346 revenue. The Water and Sewer Fund is the second largest fund with a budget of \$55,508,628.

## General Fund Revenue

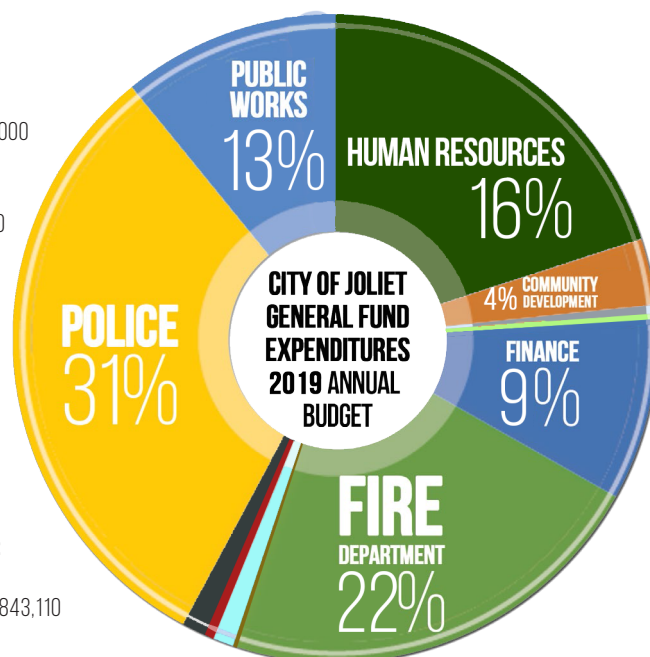
The 2019 budget anticipates revenues in the General Fund of \$184,704,346. Sales Tax (27%) and Property Tax (20%) are the largest source of City revenue. Other revenue sources are presented in the Graph to the left.

## General Fund Expenditures

The 2019 budget anticipates expenditures in the General Fund of \$184,404,346. The Police (31%) and Fire (22%) departments are the largest source of City Expenditures. Other Department expenditures are presented in the graph to the right.

POLICE: \$57,575,262  
FIRE DEPARTMENT: \$40,059,693  
HUMAN RESOURCES: \$30,217,219  
PUBLIC WORKS: \$24,031,687  
FINANCE: \$16,571,950

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: \$6,968,313  
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES: \$3,843,110  
LEGAL: \$2,613,516  
CITY MANAGER: \$1,147,929  
CITY CLERK: \$824,275  
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL: \$379,901  
CAPITOL PROJECTS: \$171,491



## Chicago Street Re-Opening

The City plans to re-open Chicago Street from Washington Street north to Jefferson Street in 2020. The Re-opening of this section of Chicago Street shall provide direct ingress and egress from the south to the downtown corridor. The Chicago Street re-opening should help facilitate economic growth in the City's downtown corridor.

Thus, Chicago Street shall be reconstructed with a northbound and southbound lane and parking on the west side of Chicago Street from Washington Street north to Jefferson Street. This will include curb and gutter, sidewalks, street lighting, and a new traffic signal at the intersection of Chicago Street and Jefferson Street.

This project will also include improvements to Jefferson Street from Ottawa Street to Scott Street. These public improvements shall include curb modifications, resurfacing of this section of roadway and the installation of street lighting. Street lighting shall also be constructed on Washington Street from Chicago Street east of Scott and on Scott Street from Washington Street north to Jefferson Street.

Lastly, this project shall include the reconstruction of the parking lot located between Jefferson Street and Washington Street from Chicago Street east to Scott Street into one consolidated parking lot with new storm sewer, curbing and parking lot lighting.

The Chicago Street Re-Opening Project is scheduled to be constructed during the 2020 Construction Season subject to final approvals by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Please feel free to contact the Department of Public Works at (815) 724-4200 with any additional questions regarding the Chicago Street Re-Opening Project.

## Building Permits

Most people are aware that Permits are required for new construction, but did you know they are also required for roofs, siding, fences, decks, pools, and remodeling?

If you are uncertain if permits are required for your project, please feel free to contact Building Services at (815) 724-4070.

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

## Hello, Spring

*Message from Bob O'Dekirk,  
Mayor of Joliet*

### Dear Neighbor,

Hello to all Joliet residents. Like you, I am happy our winter is over and am looking forward to the Spring and Summer seasons. I would like to thank all of our City employees who have worked outside during the Winter months, especially our first responders on the Police and Fire Departments and our Street Department crews. Great work!

As spring approaches, the City will once again begin infrastructure projects. The last three years the City of Joliet has spent millions of dollars repairing roads, repairing sidewalks, replacing sewer lines and replacing water mains. This work will continue throughout 2019 so please be patient with the crews working throughout the City.

As always, I am looking forward to the various activities which occur throughout Joliet during the spring and Summer months. Please consider supporting Joliet Slammers baseball at Rte. 66 stadium, or coming



**BOB O'DEKIRK**  
Mayor of Joliet

downtown for any number of the annual events held each year, or going to Bicentennial Park to enjoy the expanded roster of concerts and events. A big thank you to the Staff at Bicentennial Park, the City Center Partnership, and the Joliet Chamber of Commerce for all of the work they have done the last few years to bring a whole roster of new events into our city.

At this time last year, the City was in the very preliminary phases of cleaning up the Old Joliet Prison on Collins Street. I could never have predicted the huge outpouring from our community of people, professional trade organizations and businesses that donated thousands of hours to work inside and around the prison. This culminated in the Great Joliet Prison Break-In event which was held last August. Thousands of people came out to support and celebrate the reopening of the prison and to appreciate the historical value this brings to our community. As spring approaches, the Joliet Historical Museum will begin the guided tours and continue with the mission to salvage and restore the prison site and preserve this important part of Joliet's history. Thank you to everyone who participated in any way to this effort.

Finally, congratulations to all Joliet students and teachers for completing another school year. Thanks for all of your hard work and enjoy your summer break!

## Stay Connected with What's Happening in Joliet

*Staying up to date with what's going on in our City is a perfect way to be involved.  
Check out these social media options that will help to keep you informed of what's going on.*



**FACEBOOK**  
- City of Joliet, Illinois Government  
- Joliet Police Department  
- Joliet Fire Department



**TWITTER:**  
@TheCityofJoliet



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**SMART MESSAGE  
COMMUNITY ALERTS**  
Visit [cityofjoliet.info/smartmessage](http://cityofjoliet.info/smartmessage) to sign up.

## El Boletín de la ciudad de Joliet está disponible en español

El Boletín de la ciudad de Joliet está disponible en español. Para ver una copia del boletín en español, por favor visita nuestra pagina [cityofjoliet.info/residents/city-newsletters](http://cityofjoliet.info/residents/city-newsletters)

## Your Vote is Your Voice! Make your vote count

Don't forget to vote on April 2. Offices that are up for election on April 2, 2019 in the City of Joliet are Mayor, Councilmatic Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.



## A LOOK BACK

# By the Numbers

# 2018

## A look at Municipal Service delivery

The third largest city in Illinois, Joliet covers 65.2 square miles and has 149,395 residents. The municipal services help to make our community a great place to live, work and do business.

Joliet has 600 miles of City-owned streets, 642 miles of water main, 576 miles of sewer main, 123 traffic signals, 41 bridges, 2,965 public parking spaces, 14,500 lighting fixtures (4,500 City and 10,000 ComEd) and 36 school zone warning flashers.

Services are delivered by a workforce of 796 full-time and 76 part-time employees who bring a wide range of formal education, experience and expertise to their jobs.

With the highly trained and accredited police force and firefighter-paramedic force, the City of Joliet's public safety programs rival those of any other community.

Joliet's public works and public utilities programs are the core of our municipal services. They pump water, maintain streets, treat sewage, plow the snow, keep the traffic signals operating, and trim the trees among other things.

Other municipal services nurture business investment, manage thousands of parking spaces and foster development that provides jobs, retail opportunities, eating places and housing that meets the needs of our growing community.

Though employees are assigned to different departments, and the jobs performed vary, all have the common mission of serving the many needs of the residents of Joliet. Here's a snapshot of some of their activities from the year that just ended.

## HERE'S A SNAPSHOT OF SOME OF THEIR ACTIVITIES FROM THE YEAR THAT JUST ENDED

### PROTECTING THE PUBLIC

- **88,460** calls for police service
- **87,391** 911 calls were received in the Joliet Communication Center
- **17,179** ambulance calls by 9 ambulances across the city
- **3,771** fire department service calls, including structure fires, car, brush, & dumpster fires, including carbon monoxide calls, and fire alarms to name a few
- **15,343** tons of salt for 12 events
- **253** water main breaks were repaired

### SERVING THE COMMUNITY

- **101** scheduled block parties, school visits, and other community requests for fire trucks to attend their functions
- **3,300** Fire Inspections of businesses
- **84** special events applications processed
- **27** block party applications processed
- **42** pre-council/special council/council meetings - **127** committee/board/commission meetings held
- **338** complaints of graffiti, resulting in **770** graffiti tags removed (30% of the graffiti tags were removed from the old Joliet prison)
- **4,233** neighborhood services issues addressed, including tenant/landlord disputes and local ordinance violations
- **828** properties brought before administrative adjudication with a total of 1,254 citations issued for those properties
- **7,079** service requests were

answered by the Public Utilities Department

- **573** Zoning/Code Enforcement complaints responded (573 successfully closed)
- **9** new Donation Collection Box Permits issued (13 renewals)
- **66** Zoning Board of Appeals petitions processed
- **74** Plan Commission petitions processed
- **7** Joliet Historic Preservation Commission petitions processed

### IMPROVING THE CITY

- **893** tons of asphalt used to patch potholes
- **12.5** miles of streets resurfaced
- **0.25** miles of streets reconstructed
- **38.6** miles of sewer mains were cleaned and video inspected
- **4.1** miles watermain replaced
- **12** miles of sanitary sewer rehabilitated
- **8,023** fire hydrants inspected and tested
- **261** hydrants were repaired and **29** hydrants were replaced
- **401** trees removed
- **1,000** trees planted

### SUSTAINING THE ENVIRONMENT

- **52,713** tons of garbage hauled away
- **13,130.85** tons of recyclables collected
- **9,605.77** tons of yard waste hauled away

### GROWING THE ECONOMY

- **\$47,053,784** sales taxes generated by local businesses
- **5,957** building permits issued totaling \$658,611,038 worth of new valuation
- **3,697,906** square feet of new property received building permits
- **296** new residential housing permits
- **11** commercial lots platted
- **138** Residential lots platted
- **30** Industrial lots platted
- **82.3** acres annexed

### COMMUNICATING INFORMATION

- **4,288** document requests processed under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act
- **249,759** new visitors and 64,775 returning visitors to City website - cityofjoliet.info. Total of over 1,100,000 page views. Most popular pages: Make a Payment, Human Resources, and Joliet Prison
- **Over 5,000** Social Media followers - Facebook: City of Joliet, Illinois, Government and Twitter: @TheCityofJoliet
- **8,299** new citizen reported service requests lodged (via call ins, or submitted online through GoRequest)
- **8,377** community relation service requests that were addressed and closed by City Departments
- City Hall Information Desk handled over **49,552** inbound and transfer type calls

## CONSTRUCTION

## Roadway Reconstruction

Since 1982, the Department of Public Works has reconstructed neighborhood streets within the City of Joliet. These projects were previously completed through the City's Neighborhood Improvement Program and are now being accomplished through the Road Reconstruction Program. Streets to be reconstructed through this program include both residential and / or collector streets. The 2019 Road Reconstruction Program includes streets from 2018 where the construction was delayed due to utility conflicts and additional streets in 2019. The 2019 Road Reconstruction Program in total will expend approximately \$2,028,400.00 utilizing funding from the City's Motor Fuel Tax monies and Community Development Block Grant monies.

The following is a listing of streets to be reconstructed with the 2019 Road Reconstruction Program:

1. **Charity Avenue** (Sherman Street - Nowell Ave.): Storm Sewer / Curb and Gutter / Road Reconstruction
2. **Juniper Street** (Fairmont Ave. - Arthur Ave.): Curb and Gutter / Road Reconstruction
3. **Nowell Ave.** (Doris Avenue - Charity Avenue): Storm Sewer / Curb and Gutter / Road Reconstruction
4. **Retta Court** (Doris Avenue - Charity Avenue): Storm Sewer / Curb and Gutter / Road Reconstruction
5. **Richmond Street** (Sunset Strip - Barney Drive): Curb and Gutter / Road Reconstruction
6. **S. Hebbard Street** (E. Washington - Second Ave., Third Ave. - Fourth Ave.): Curb and Gutter / Road Reconstruction
7. **Smith Avenue** (N. Center Street - N. Broadway Street): Curb and Gutter / Road Reconstruction
8. **Grover Street** (Third Avenue - Fourth Avenue): Storm Sewer / Curb and Gutter / Road Reconstruction
9. **Meda Avenue** (2nd Avenue - N. End): Storm Sewer / Curb and Gutter / Road Reconstruction
10. **Logan Avenue** (2nd Avenue - Washington Street): Storm Sewer / Curb and Gutter / Road Reconstruction
11. **Pearl Street** (Campbell Street - Western Avenue): Storm Sewer / Curb and Gutter / Road Reconstruction

Road Reconstruction Projects are scheduled to take place late Spring through late Fall of 2019.

In addition to reconstructing numerous streets, the Department of Public Works completes an Annual Roadway Resurfacing Program on various streets City wide. The 2019 Roadway Resurfacing Program shall be funded with approximately \$700,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Monies. A full list of streets to be resurfaced in 2019 will be provided in a future Newsletter.

Property owners are advised to seek alternate routes when a given street is being reconstructed. The Department of Public Works may be contacted at (815) 724-4200 with questions regarding the 2019 Roadway Reconstruction Program or the 2019 Roadway Resurfacing Program.



## Water Main Rehabilitation Program Year Three Construction to Begin

In 2016, the Department of Public Utilities prepared a 5-Year Rehabilitation Programs for the water system with a goal of rehabilitating 1% of the system annually. The projects will be funded with low interest loans from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Construction of the year three projects is anticipated to begin in April and will continue through the end of the year. The water main rehabilitation projects consist of replacement of existing water mains that are prone to failure. A list of the 2019 projects is below. For more information about the Five Year Water Main Rehabilitation Program please visit the City's website at [cityofjoliet.info/departments/public-utilities/programs-projects/water-projects/water-main-rehab-plan](http://cityofjoliet.info/departments/public-utilities/programs-projects/water-projects/water-main-rehab-plan).

### 2019 Water Main Rehabilitation Projects

- South Raynor Avenue:** McDonough St. (S. Raynor Ave. - Willow Ave.), South Raynor Ave. (Cochrane Ave. - McDonough St.), Westwood Ave. (S. Raynor Ave. - Wheeler Ave.)
- Krings Acres:** W. Dellmar Ave. (Barthelme Ave. - Westshire Dr.), Krings Ln. (Clara Ave. - Ingalls Ave.), Plaza Dr. (Clara Ave. - Ingalls Ave.), Westshire Dr. (Black Rd. - Ingalls Ave.)
- Garnsey Park Phase 1B:** N. Center St. (Moran St. - Theodore St.)
- Garnsey Park Phase 1A:** Cora St. (Moran St. - Russell St.), Ingalls Ave. (N. Broadway St. - Clement St.)
- Marycrest Phase 4A:** Benedict Ave. (Francine Ave. - St. Joseph Ave.), Francine Ave. (Benedict Ave. - Joyce Rd.), Joyce Rd. (Francine Ave. - W. Jefferson St.), St. Joseph Ave. (Francine Ave. - 150' South)
- Marycrest Phase 4B:** Madonna Ave. (Marmion Ave. - St. Joseph Ave.), Marmion Ave. (S. Hammes Ave. - St. Joseph Ave.), Romaine Ave. (Madonna Ave. - St. Francis Ave.)

Residents who live in the water rehabilitation project areas identified above are encouraged to sign-up for the City's Smart Message - Community Alert system to automatically receive project updates and alerts. To enroll visit the City's website homepage [cityofjoliet.info](http://cityofjoliet.info), click on I WANT TO in the top ribbon, then click on STAY INFORMED. If you would like more information about the 2019 projects or have any questions about the water system rehabilitation program please call the Department of Public Utilities at (815) 724-4220.

## Comprehensive Planning Process Set to Begin

The City of Joliet is getting ready to create a new Comprehensive Plan for the City. In an effort to keep residents and other stakeholders informed and actively engaged throughout this comprehensive planning process, the City requests that home owner associations and neighborhood groups register or update their contact information with the Community Development Department by sending an email to [kmackley@jolietcity.org](mailto:kmackley@jolietcity.org) or by calling (815) 724-4050.

To find the City's most current home owner's association contact list visit [cityofjoliet.info/residents/home-owners-associations](http://cityofjoliet.info/residents/home-owners-associations). Stay tuned for more information in future newsletters about this process.



## City focuses on Graffiti Removal efforts

Graffiti is detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the community in that it leads to urban blight, encourages gang activity, is detrimental to property values, business opportunities, and the enjoyment of life.

Graffiti cannot always be prevented, but property owners and residents can reduce the incidence of graffiti on building exteriors and walls by having good lighting and uncomfortable vegetation in place. Work with your neighbors, your neighborhood association or home owners' association to be the eyes and ears for your community.

The City is responsible for the removal and abatement of graffiti on sidewalks, curbs, street signs, retaining walls, and public buildings within the boundaries of the city. You can help defeat the problem of graffiti by removing it from your property as soon as possible.

If you need assistance in removing graffiti from your property, contact the (815) 724-4106. The City can remove graffiti from private property within the city limits with the consent of the

owner, at no additional cost to the property owner.

Joliet's objective is to enhance the City by maintaining an aesthetically pleasing environment through the prompt removal of graffiti and to deter further graffiti vandalism. Experience has shown that removing graffiti as soon as it is reported is the best prevention against future graffiti.

Neighborhood Services coordinates the City's graffiti abatement program. If you see graffiti you can safely and confidentially report it. To report graffiti (within the boundaries of the City of Joliet only) please call (815) 724-4106. You can also report graffiti online, through Joliet's online service request system, or you can use a GOREquest mobile app to make a report.

The online link is [cityofjoliet.info/i-want-to/report](http://cityofjoliet.info/i-want-to/report) or you can download the app from the iTunes store at [itunes.apple.com/us/app/gorequest/id351223716?mt=8](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/gorequest/id351223716?mt=8) or for android phones go to [play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.govoutreach.gorequest&hl=en\\_US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.govoutreach.gorequest&hl=en_US).

## April is Safe Digging Month

When to call? Both the call and JULIE's services are free. You may be surprised by what's buried in your yard. Most electric, gas, water, sewer, and telecommunications companies are delivering utility services underground. To avoid personal injury and damage to those underground lines, state law requires you to contact JULIE before any digging project, regardless of the project size or depth.

Are you planning any of the following projects?

- Decks & Patios
- Signs
- Trees or Shrubs



- Tents
- Mailbox Posts
- Gardens
- Room Additions
- Swimming Pools
- Fences
- Swing Sets
- Fountains
- Landscaping

You can prevent injury and avoid damage by following these four important steps:

- Call 811 or (800) 892-

0123 or Click E-Request at <http://www.illinois1call.com> before you dig

- Wait the required amount of time (two working days after your call or click)
- Respect the marks and Dig with care

## Retain the Architectural Character of Your Old Home

Do you own an old home? Your old home is a great asset for both you and your community. Well-maintained, architecturally-interesting homes are not only enjoyable to live in but help to stabilize property values in your neighborhood.

Are you contemplating a new addition, siding or windows? City staff is available to assist you

with identifying historically-appropriate building materials and design elements that will maintain your home's unique character.

Remember, "think before you tink" (ok, we mean tinker) with your old home. For more information, please contact City Planner Jayne Bernhard at (815) 724-4052 or email her at [jbernhard@jolietcity.org](mailto:jbernhard@jolietcity.org).



## Bluestem Earth Festival

Bluestem Earth Festival will take place May 18 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the University of St. Francis, 500 Wilcox Street, Joliet. Presented by the Joliet Franciscan Sisters & Associates, Bluestem offers over 90 vendors and a day of educational fun and activities about environmental awareness, sustainability, healthy living and social justice. Admission and parking are free.

The mission of Bluestem Earth Festival is to educate and empower individuals and families to live healthier, more sustainable and socially responsible lifestyles. Attendees can look forward to fun children's activities, visiting animals, local foods with farm-to-table and dietary options, music, live demonstrations and more.

To view Bluestem's vendor list or for more information please visit [BluestemEarthFestival.com](http://BluestemEarthFestival.com). Questions? Email us at [BluestemEarthFestival@gmail.com](mailto:BluestemEarthFestival@gmail.com).

## Keep Community Trees Healthy in 2019

Whether it is a tree in your own yard or a parkway tree, trees in the community add value to your property and provide benefits. They cool homes and neighborhoods, reducing air-conditioning costs. They filter pollutants, produce oxygen, increase the resale value of your home and provide habitat for wildlife. Scientific studies show that being near trees and natural areas counteract stress, aid in healing, and improve the quality of life.

For more information about caring for your trees, go to the city's website at [cityofjoliet.info/departments/public-works/forestry/tree-care-tips](http://cityofjoliet.info/departments/public-works/forestry/tree-care-tips) or go to the Morton Arboretum website at [mortonarb.org](http://mortonarb.org) and search for Tree and Plant Advice where they offer lots of tips. Especially useful is information about Tree selection and planting advice and help with diseases and pests.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN

# SPRING CLEANING IS IN THE AIR...

### Garage Sales

Residents planning a garage sale in 2019 are reminded that garage sale permits are required per Joliet City Ordinance. Permit applications can be downloaded at [cityofjoliet.info/residents/garage-sales-permit](http://cityofjoliet.info/residents/garage-sales-permit) and then brought to the City Hall - Customer Service windows to apply for and acquire the permit at City Hall, 150 W. Jefferson Street. 30-minute free parking is available in designated spots around the City Hall building and in the City Hall parking lot off of DesPlaines St. Once an individual, neighborhood, subdivision or group garage sale permit is purchased; there are no rain dates, substitutions and permits are non-refundable.

For information about individual and group/subdivision garage sale pricing and restrictions, visit [cityofjoliet.info/residents/garage-sales-permit](http://cityofjoliet.info/residents/garage-sales-permit) or call (815) 724-3820.

### Hazardous Household & Electronics Collection:

Waste Management offers a convenient special collection service called "At Your Door" for all City of Joliet residents that pay for municipal waste on their Joliet municipal water bill. This service allows residents to properly dispose and recycle common hazardous household and electronic items safely and responsibly. Items such as automotive products, electronics, garden chemicals, household cleaners, paint products, items containing Mercury, along with sharps, needles, lancets and more are included.

Residents should call Waste Management "At Your Door" for program details/instructions or to set up a collection appointment at (800) 449-7587 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, or visit [wmatyourdoor.com](http://wmatyourdoor.com). All special collection items should be placed on your front porch on your scheduled appointment collection day. Do not place these items at the curb with your regularly scheduled garbage collection day, as these items will not be picked up by Waste Management.

### Will County Alternative Hazardous Household and Electronic Disposal:

Will County offers several drop off hazardous household, electronics, textile, shredding and recycling events at various locations and sites within Will County throughout the year. This service is available to all City of Joliet and Will County residents who are looking for alternative drop off sites or locations to dispose of their electronics and household hazardous waste items. Go to [willcountygreen.com](http://willcountygreen.com) or call (815) 727-8834 for more information.

### Discarding Large Household Items:

Contact Waste Management (815) 280-7854 prior to placing large household items curbside on your regularly scheduled collection day for proper disposal/containment instructions and program details. This service is for Joliet residents who pay for municipal waste on their City water and sewer bills.

Some items may need to be broken down, dressers/cabinets with wood/glass shelving removed and glass taped, furniture items such as carpeting/padding, couches, chairs and mattresses may need to be wrapped to prevent moisture penetration. **Items that are not properly contained, broken down, taped or wrapped and get wet will not be collected.** All qualifying items must be placed curbside before 7 a.m. on your normal collection day. The following are some examples of large household items that are eligible to discard:

- Furniture or Mattresses
- Tables/Dressers/Cabinets (Shelving, doors, drawers, table tops and hatches should be removed and any glass or glass shelving should be taped and properly contained).
- Carpet and Padding (Must be cut, rolled and bound into 4-foot sections, each roll must not exceed 50 pounds).

- Automotive tires are collected on recycling day, limit four automotive tires per household with no rims.
- Water softeners must be empty and free of any water and salt.

*Please note that move out and eviction piles of garbage and furniture are not part of the Waste Management program.*

Residents are required to schedule a special pick up for a fee with a company of their own choice or they can arrange for Waste Management to pick up the pile for a fee by calling (815) 280-7854. Residents should report move out and eviction type piles of furniture and trash left anywhere on a property to the City Hall - Information Desk at (815) 724-4005.

### Discarding White Goods:

Contact Waste Management at (815) 280-7854 to schedule a collection pick up before placing any type of white good item(s) curbside with your toters, prior to 7 a.m., on your normal collection day. This service is for Joliet residents who pay for municipal waste on their City water and sewer bills. White goods are defined by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency as:

- Air conditioners, Humidifiers, Chillers & Dehumidifiers
- Ranges, Stoves, Ovens & Microwaves
- Refrigerators & Freezers (Please remove doors before placing curbside for pick up)
- Washing Machines & Clothes Dryers
- Water Heaters, Furnaces, Boilers & Heat Pumps (Must be drained of any water)

### Discarding Medications - Unused, Expired or Unwanted:

Medication(s) should NEVER be discarded down the drain, toilet or thrown into the garbage, as it can be detrimental to the safety of others and to our environment. Residents can discard unused, expired or unwanted medications by following the information contained in this article. ***Not all classifications of medications are accepted at these locations.*** Residents should research to make sure the medication(s) they are trying to discard qualify for drop off at any of the below agencies prior to drop off or by checking the City's Garbage & Recycling website page at [cityofjoliet.info/residents/garbage-recycling](http://cityofjoliet.info/residents/garbage-recycling) for (unused, expired or unwanted) medication disposal information.

For more information:

- Contact Waste Management At Your Door for program information on how to dispose of sharps, lancets, needles and more from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday at (800) 449-7587 or go to their website at [wmatyourdoor.com](http://wmatyourdoor.com).
- Contact Will County Land Use Department for Pharmaceutical Take Back Program information and alternative drop off locations throughout Will County at (815) 727-8834 or go to [willcountygreen.com](http://willcountygreen.com).
- Residents can also check with the prescribing doctor or pharmacy for disposal alternatives.
- Joliet Police Department - Main Facility: 150 W. Washington St., Joliet, IL 60432. Medication drop off is available Monday - Sunday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. or call (815) 724-3100 for more information.
- Far West Joliet Police Substation: 7196 Caton Farm Road, Plainfield, IL 60586. Medication drop off is available Monday - Friday only, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or call (815) 439-5202 for more information. ***(This location is closed on weekends & holidays).*** The Joliet Police Department Main Facility and Far West Substation only accept medications listed under the Will County Green Accepted Items (Expired or Unwanted) Pharmaceutical Take Back Program's web page at [willcountygreen.com](http://willcountygreen.com) or call Will County Land Use at (815) 727-8834 for more information.
- Contact the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency at (217) 524-3300 for more information.

## Spring Events at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park & Theatre

Spring is in the air! From live performances to film, we have something for everyone. Parking is free. Location: 201 West Jefferson Street. For information call (815) 724-3761 or go to [bicentennialpark.org](http://bicentennialpark.org).

March 30 >> 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### **LIGHT THE FIRE - WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT**

Listen to women professionals in the fields of finance, media and politics. Interact and network with professionals in local and regional businesses during our cocktail hour. Lunch is provided.

April 11-14 >> 7 p.m. Thursday -Saturday,  
3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

### **FREAKY FRIDAY**

\$8 adult \$5 students and seniors

Providence Catholic High School presents their spring musical featuring their talented drama students.

Tickets: (815) 717-3323

April 26-28, May 3-4 >> 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday,  
2 p.m. Sunday

### **BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS**

\$13 advance/ \$15 door

Latitude 41® presents this classic Neil Simon - first in a trilogy.

Two outrageous acts occur in the same house fifty years apart.

Tickets (331) 725-2841

May 16-18 >> 8 p.m. Thursday - Saturday  
2 p.m. Saturday

### **COMPANY**

\$15/ \$12 students and seniors. The Joliet Drama Guild brings a favorite musical for the whole family featuring local talent.

May 19 >> 2 p.m.

### **J-TOWN FILM FEST**

Free. Presenting Joliet's own film festival featuring original works from independent film makers. All short films, it is open for high school age and beyond. Come and see the winning selections from six categories and vote for your favorite.

May 25 >> 7 p.m.

### **IMPROV UNCORKED featuring "We've Said Worse"**

FREE. Get your laughs on. A fun night of comedy improv geared for adults and teens, performed by adults and teens. Cash bar open.

June 6 - August 29 >> 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Thursdays  
**CONCERTS ON THE HILL**

44th year of FREE concerts on the hill, featuring local talent in various genres. Bring your chair or blanket, but no outside alcohol. Cash bar is available.

June 14-16 and 21-23 >> 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays

### **SUMMER MUSICAL**

\$15 adults, \$10 students and seniors  
Musical to be announced soon.

June 17 - July 12 - Performance July 13 and 14  
9 a.m. and 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Monday - Thursday with 2 Fridays

### **SUMMERTIME ON STAGE**

Our 19th year of theatre drama camp, where students from 5 years to 18 years produce a full length musical. Tech Camp is also returning for its third year. Learn the backstage aspects of the production.

## Joliet Park District Spring Events

The Joliet Park District offers activities for the whole family, with over 50 community parks, 3 golf courses, the Inwood Athletic Club, and Splash Station Waterpark. Please visit [jolietpark.org](http://jolietpark.org) or call (815) 741-7275 for more information. Just a few of the many activities include the following:

April 13 >> 10 a.m.

### **THE GREAT EGG HUNT**

Free. Ages 4 - 12. At two locations. Nowell Park Baseball Field (5 Mills Road) Heggie Soccer Field (Collins St & Williamson Ave) 1 p.m.

April 27 >> 12 - 3 p.m.

### **EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**

Pilcher Park Nature Center (2501 Highland Park Dr)  
Free. All ages. Celebrate the environment! Join us for wildflower hikes, pulling invasive plants, playing games, making crafts out of recycled materials, and visiting earth-wise vendors.

May 4 >> 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### **FAIRY FESTIVAL & BREAKFAST WITH THE FAIRIES**

Pilcher Park Nature Center (2501 Highland Park Dr)  
\$10 (age 2+). Enjoy fairy flower walks, make a craft, play games, take a ride on a horse drawn carriage, and let our winged hostesses entertain you.

May 22 >> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### **TOUCH-A-TRUCK**

(3000 W. Jefferson St.)  
Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center  
All ages. Free. Your children can climb, sit, and play on a variety of trucks or visit Zoo for You Petting Zoo, pony rides and bounce houses.

June 21 - June 23 >> Noon - Midnight  
**TASTE OF JOLIET**

ATI Field at Joliet Memorial Stadium (3000 W. Jefferson St.)  
All ages. \$16 General Admission, Seniors \$5 per day, Kids 11 and under FREE all weekend. Check out the best festival in Will County, brought to you by the Joliet Park District, D'arcy GMC, Miller Lite and the City of Joliet. Headline entertainment by Foreigner, Cole Swindell, and Scott McCreery. There will be over 25 food vendors, a carnival and a kid's zone. Go to [tasteofjoliet.com](http://tasteofjoliet.com) for more information.

## Route 66 NHRA Nationals and NASCAR

May 30 - June 2 >> All Day

### **NHRA NATIONALS**

Route 66 Raceway

Adult Prices Vary & Start at \$36 for General Admission on Friday Night on Fire. Kids' tickets are just \$11 Friday-Sunday in General Admission Sections.

The Route 66 NHRA Nationals begin on May 30 with Dialed-In Thursday. Qualifying starts under the lights during Friday Night on Fire before All-Star Saturday strikes June 1. Thus, fans can witness the world's fastest form of motorsports under both the sun and stars. Final eliminations will occur on Championship Sunday, June 2, as qualifiers battle their way to the podium. Fans will feel the full-force of a full-body sensory experience as Funny Cars and Nitro-powered Dragsters accelerate from 0 to over 300 mph in under four seconds. Fans will also have the opportunity to interact with the stars of today as well as those from the NHRA's storied past as key members of the motorsports community assist in the weekend's festivities.

June 27-30 >> All Day

### **NASCAR WEEKEND**

### **AND ULTIMATE SUMMER FESTIVAL**

Chicagoland Speedway. Adult Prices Start at \$55 for the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Camping World 400. Kids' tickets are FREE in select section Thursday-Saturday and \$25 off on Sunday. Chicagoland Speedway's 2019 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series weekend will take place June 27 - June 30, maintaining last year's move to its original, fan-favorite summer date and kicking off NBC's live race coverage for the second half of the season. The world's greatest stock car drivers will converge on the Magnificent Mile and a Half to the backdrop of fireworks, camping, tailgating, carnival rides, barbeques and musical entertainment as fans witness four action-packed races: the ARCA Racing Series Bounty 150, the NASCAR Gander World Trucks Series Camping World 225, the NASCAR Xfinity Series Camping World 300 and the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Camping World 400.



## Library Events

**All programs are free to attend. For more information or to register visit [jolietlibrary.org](http://jolietlibrary.org) or call (815) 740-2660.**

**Ottawa Street Branch:** 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet • **Black Road Branch:** 3395 Black Rd., Joliet

April 1 & 22 >> 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
**CAMERA READY: HOW TO DO MAKEUP FOR VIDEO**  
Ottawa Street Branch  
Adults, registration required  
Learn from a professional makeup artist how to look your best on camera.

April 4 >> 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
**OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT**  
AudioPhil's Records,  
17 E. Van Buren St.  
Help us kick off National Poetry Month with a bang. Join us at Audiophil's Records for a night of Spoken Word Poetry.


April 13 >> 2-3:30 p.m.  
**MARIO PARTY**  
Black Road Branch  
All ages with adult,  
registration opens March 25  
Take a photo with Mario IRL from 2-3 and enjoy lots of games and activities.

April 24 >> 6:30-7:15 p.m.  
**EDGAR ALLAN POE: TO TELL A TALE**  
Ottawa Street Branch  
Adults, registration is open  
Celebrate National Poetry Month with this spine tingling program as Edgar Allan Poe, portrayed by Terry Lynch, who gives a brief biographical sketch of Poe's life.

April 25 >> 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
**MAKE YOUR OWN LITERARY SCARF**  
Black Road Branch  
Adults, registration opens March 28  
Join us to create your own fabric infinity scarf. All supplies provided.

### Downtown Joliet

June 7 >> 5 - 11 p.m.  
**NEW ORLEANS NORTH**  
Downtown Joliet, along Chicago St.  
\$7 in advance / \$10 at the gate  
Ages 21 & Older . Kick off summer at the 8th annual New Orleans North! Outdoor street festival with a New Orleans flair featuring beer tents, hurricanes, food vendors, live music, roving entertainment and more. For more information please contact (815) 727-5371 or visit: [jolietchamber.com](http://jolietchamber.com).



### 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STAR WARS™ DAY

June 1 >> 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**STAR WARS DAY**  
Ottawa Street Branch  
All ages, no registration required  
Join us for the World's Largest

Public Library Star Wars event.  
Enjoy costumed characters, games, prize giveaways, live music vendors, exhibitors, guest authors and much more.

April 29 >> 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
**INCREDIBLE BATS**  
Black Road Branch  
All ages with adult, no registration  
Learn all about bats from the Incredible Bats group.

May 4 >> 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**FREE COMIC BOOK DAY AT YOUR LIBRARY**  
Ottawa Street Branch  
People of all ages are invited to come celebrate Free Comic Book Day and register for our Summer Reading Program at the same time.

May 15, 16 >> 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
**INTRO TO PHOTOSHOP**  
Ottawa Street Branch  
Adults, registration required  
Discover the power of Photoshop in this two-part, hands-on class.

June 9 >> 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
**PAWS ON 66 - PET RESCUE DAY**  
Downtown Joliet on Chicago Street. The third annual Paws on 66 will welcome area pet rescues with dogs and cats available for adoption, along with vendors selling pet treats and crafts, advocacy groups, activities, and more. Leashed pets are welcome & will receive a small gift.

June 26 >> 4 -10 p.m.  
**RACE FAN RALLY**  
Downtown Joliet on Chicago Street, between Jefferson & Cass Streets. Don't miss one of the biggest single-day NASCAR fan fests in the Midwest! Race Fan Rally is an annual single-day NASCAR fan fest held on the Wednesday before the Monster Energy Cup races at Chicagoland Speedway. Race Fan Rally includes live music, vendors, beer tents, driver appearances, a Racecar Simulator, cars on display and concludes with a grand fireworks display.

## 2018 Frontier League Champions, The Joliet Slammers Professional Baseball

The Joliet Slammers are excited to open their 2019 Season with a Championship Celebration on May 9 at 7:05 p.m.



Promotional highlights in May will include two Education Days on May 16 and 17 at 10:05 a.m. There will also be two \$2 Tuesdays on May 14 and 28, as well as one Fireworks Friday on May 17 all starting at 7:05 p.m.

In June, there will be a Day Camp/ Care Day on June 26 at 10:05 a.m. There will also be three \$2 Tuesdays on June 4, 11, and 25 starting at 7:05 p.m. Get ready for three Fireworks shows in June: Friday, June 14 and Friday, June 21 at 7:05 p.m., and Saturday, June 15 at 6:05 p.m.

The Joliet Slammers 2019 Season will be packed with new exciting promotional nights, as well as some fun ones that have been done in the past. Keep an eye out for the release of promotional nights on the Slammers' social media and website. The Joliet Slammers are a professional baseball team in the Frontier League that play in downtown Joliet at Joliet Route 66 Stadium, located at 1 Mayor Art Schultz Drive, Joliet IL 60432.

When attending Slammers games, fans can enjoy affordable, family, fun. The Slammers host a wide variety of groups such as: church outings, day camps, fundraiser groups, employee appreciation, and more.

Individual ticket prices start as low as \$2 on Tuesdays and \$6 any other day of the week. To view the Slammers 2019 schedule or purchase tickets, visit [JolietSlammers.com](http://JolietSlammers.com) or call (815) 722-2287.

Games times and dates are subject to change so please check the website or give us a call.

## Rialto Square Theatre Spring Activities

The Rialto Square Theatre is located at 102 N. Chicago St. in downtown Joliet. Opening in 1926, it was originally designed and operated as a vaudeville movie palace, but it now houses musicals, plays, concerts, standup comedy, educational programs and more! For tickets, please go to rialtosquare.com or call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000. The Rialto box office hours are 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or you can call them at (815) 726-6600 if you need more information.

April 4 >> 7:30 p.m.

**TUSK: THE ULTIMATE FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE SHOW**  
Tickets start at \$26. TUSK, The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute, is the No. 1 Tribute to Fleetwood Mac in the world, bar none. No wigs, no backing tracks, no gimmicks, just five musicians recreating the music of Fleetwood Mac to perfection with note for note

renditions that no other Fleetwood Mac tribute on the touring scene today can come close to duplicating.

April 9 >> 2 p.m.

**CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES: RISE UP, O MEN**

Tickets start at \$20.50  
This sidesplitting, uplifting peek into the lives of the rural Norwegian Lutherans who audiences first fell in love with in 2005 is the sixth chapter of the story begun in the original Church Basement Ladies. Rise Up, O Men features familiar faces: Mrs. Mavis Gilmerson, Mrs. Vivian Snustad, and Mrs. Karin Engleson who would never leave the basement kitchen unattended, of course (who would make bars for the youth group meeting?). Groups of 12 or more save 20 percent and get one comp ticket for bus driver or group leader. To book your group, call (815) 726-6600.

April 22 >> 6:30 p.m.

**LOCAL MUSIC MONDAY #3**

Tickets: \$20. Over the last several years, Tim Placher, longtime Joliet musician and teacher, has assembled a cast of talented Joliet-area singers, songwriters and players who are all artistically successful in their own right and he has and built a local musician "All Star" group that periodically stages popular "One Night Only" music theme shows. What began with

Tim and singing partner Robyn Castle has grown to include 20 musicians representing some of the area's most prominent bands and performers. This performance will highlight students from Plainfield School District.

April 24 >> 7:30 p.m.

**STRAIGHT NO CHASER: ONE SHOT TOUR**

Tickets start at \$39.50. Straight No Chaser has had an amazing decade. Ten years after turning a collegiate hobby into a recording career that has taken them around the world on tour, the a cappella group tells its story through music on ONE SHOT.

April 25 >> 7 p.m.

**REELS AT THE RIALTO: RUDY**

Tickets: \$5 each. Rudy Ruettiger (Sean Astin) wants to play football at the University of Notre Dame, but has neither the money for tuition nor the grades to qualify for a scholarship. Rudy redoubles his efforts to get out of the steel mill where his father works when his best friend (Christopher Reed) dies in an accident there. Rudy gains admission to Notre Dame and begins to fight his way onto the school's fabled football team.

May 22 >> 7:30 p.m.

**THE SOUND OF MUSIC: LIVE ON STAGE**

Tickets start at \$48.50. The Hills are Alive! A brand new production of The Sounds of Music. The spirited, romantic

and beloved musical story of Maria and the von Trapp Family will once again thrill audiences with its great songs, including "My Favorite Things," "Do-Re-Mi," "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," "Edelweiss" and the title song.

May 30 >> 7 p.m.

**REELS AT THE RIALTO: STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS**

Tickets: \$5. Thirty years after the defeat of the Galactic Empire, the galaxy faces a new threat from the evil Kyo Ren (Adam Driver) and the First Order. When a defector named Finn (John Boyega) crash-lands on a desert planet, he meets Rey (Daisy Ridley), a tough scavenger whose droid contains a top-secret map. Together, the young duo joins forces with Han Solo (Harrison Ford) to make sure the Resistance receives the intelligence concerning the whereabouts of Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill), the last of the Jedi Knights.

June 20 >> 7 p.m.

**REELS AT THE RIALTO:**

**FARRIS BULLER'S DAY OFF**

Tickets: \$5. Ferris Bueller (Matthew Broderick) has an uncanny skill at cutting classes and getting away with it. Intending to make one last duck-out before graduation, Ferris calls in sick, "borrows" a Ferrari, and embarks on a one-day journey through the streets of Chicago.

## Joliet Historical Museum Events

The Joliet Area Historical Museum is located at 204 N Ottawa St, Joliet, IL 60432. Free parking is available at the corner of Ottawa and Webster Streets. For more information including museum hours, admission prices and to register for upcoming events, please visit [jolietmuseum.org](http://jolietmuseum.org) or call (815) 723-5201. Joliet Residents receive \$2 off of all general admission levels.

February 1 - September 30

**ART FROM THE ASHES**

An Exhibition of The Old Joliet Prison Burnt District Artists. This exhibit will showcase works of art created from buildings that were burnt down during acts of arson at the Old Joliet Prison site between 2013-2017.

March-April

**PRAIRIE FARMSTEAD**

In partnership with the USDA Forest Service Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, check out what farm life was

like along Route 66 during its heyday.

April 27 >> 12 - 5 p.m.

**TIE THE KNOT AT THE MUSEUM**

Free Admission. Join us for a bridal open house, showcasing our unique wedding venue. Local professionals will be on site to help you with all your bridal needs. Man Cave with craft beer & artisanal jerky, bridal bingo, door prizes and full cash bar will also be available.

May-June

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Discover the history behind this Catholic fraternal service organization and learn about their charitable efforts throughout the World.

May 4 >> 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**RED CARPET CORRIDOR**

Free admission to the Museum / \$10 Sample Prison Tour. The great kick-off of Route 66 season. Start off your road trip by visiting the museum for your free collectible. Visit the Old Joliet Prison during your Route 66 road trip from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. for a sampler tour that includes a hat and glasses set so you

can cruise in style.

May 11 >> 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**STAR WARS SCAVENGER HUNT**

Free admission. Game on! Can you find all of the Star Wars pieces hidden throughout the Museum galleries? Grab a game card and challenge your friends and family to complete the hunt. Special guest characters, vendors, and prizes available.

May 23 >> 7:30 p.m.

**ROOFTOP CONCERT**

Featuring Cadillac Groove  
\$8 Museum members & Students / \$10 General Public. Beverage Bar, Complimentary Snacks, Includes access to museum galleries

May 27 - September 2

**BLUE STAR MUSEUM PROGRAM**

Free admission into the Museum for active military members and their immediate family members. Memorial Day through Labor Day (Sept. 2nd).

June 1 >> 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**STAR WARS DAY**

Free admission. Join the Museum, Public Library, and Rialto Square Theatre for the 10th annual Star Wars Day. Various activities will be at each location, in addition to vendors along Chicago & Clinton St. For additional up-to-date information please visit: [jolietmuseum.org](http://jolietmuseum.org) & [jolietlibrary.org](http://jolietlibrary.org)

## Old Joliet Prison Tours

April 28 - October 31

**OLD JOLIET PRISON TOURS**

\$15 Museum Members & Joliet Residents / \$20 General Public  
A 90-minute walking tour through the inner walls of the Old Joliet Prison. Experience the historic property by passing through the East Sally Port Gate that the Blues Brothers traveled through and travel back in time to experience the 150 year history held within those limestone walls. Tickets need to be pre-booked for guaranteed entrance to the tours. For ticket information, visit our website [jolietmuseum.org](http://jolietmuseum.org) or call (815) 723-5201.